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TAFT GETS BUT LITTLE FROM THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION FOR THE FOURTEENTH HELD AT MONMOUTH

Resolution to Substitute Name
for Cannon Lost
105 to 17.

IS NOT EVEN SECOND

F. G. Allen and Judge Mack
Are Chosen as National
Delegates.

Monmouth, Ill., March 31.—Secretary Taft did not even get a look in at the republican congressional convention for the Fourteenth district here today. The motion to substitute his name for Joseph C. Cannon's for the presidential endorsement was laid on the table 105 to 17. The motion to instruct for the war secretary as second choice went the same way 63 to 59. Cannon's endorsement stood.

Allen a Delegate.

F. G. Allen of Moline and Judge D. E. Mack of Hancock county were chosen delegates to the national convention at Chicago, while F. O. VanGilder of Rock Island and George Rayburne of Warren county were chosen as alternates. J. O. Beasley of Macomb was nominated for presidential elector. The convention was called to order at 11:30 at the court house and had finished its business by 1 o'clock. J. O. Anderson of Hancock county was chosen chairman and Postmaster H. A. J. McDonald of Rock Island secretary.

Endorse All Way Through.

The resolutions adopted endorse the national and state administrations and commend the course of Senators Cullom and Hopkins and of Congressman McKinney of this district.

While the convention failed to instruct for Taft for second choice, both delegates expressed themselves on the floor of the convention as favorable to the war secretary if Speaker Cannon fails to land the nomination. Mercer county stood solid for instruction for Taft in place of Cannon, while Rock Island county supported Taft for second choice.

Go in Special Train.

The Rock Island county delegates to the republican convention at Monmouth left this morning at 6:45 o'clock over the Burlington. About 60 were in the special car which was attached to train No. 48, a number of politicians accompanying the delegates.

DAVIS HUNTS FOR PEPPERY LAWYER

Arkansas Senator Has Blood in His
Eye After Being Slapped by
Attorney Helm.

Little Rock, Ark., March 31.—United States Senator Jefferson Davis and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Helm became involved in an altercation on the street here today. Helm, it is said, struck Davis, and the latter then went into his office. Davis soon reappeared and bystanders claim he was looking for Helm.

MANY DEMOCRATS SEEK VICEPRESIDENTIAL HONORS

Delegates to Denver Convention Ex-
pected to Be Generally Instructed
for Second Place on Ticket.

Denver, Colo., March 31.—This city promises to be the scene of highly exciting times when the democratic national convention meets here July 7. Headquarters are being secured for candidates for the nomination of president and vice president daily and it appears there will be a large number of aspirants for the official plums of the democratic party.

W. J. Bryan is to be in Denver April 6 to deliver an address. Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota is expected at a later date. Judge George Gray of Wilmington, Del., has already secured headquarters here, from which to make a campaign for nomination for president. Sylvester Chanler, lieutenant governor of New York, is expected to open headquarters here also within a short time and begin a campaign for the presidential nomination, backed by the votes of the delegation from the Empire state.

The nomination for vice president seem to be one that attracts more than ordinary attention. It is doubtful if there will be a single unopposed state delegation at the convention pledged on the choice of vice president and the selection of a man for that position on the ticket will be thoroughly spirited. A score of as-

NAME DEMOCRATS

Several Iowa Cities Place Mem-
bers of Minority Party at
Head of Government.

TRIAL FOR COMMISSION PLAN

Des Moines and Cedar Rapids Under
New Form of Administration
for First Time.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 31.—A. J. Mathis was elected mayor of Des Moines by about 1,200 majority over Eugene W. Waterbury yesterday.

The election was under the new plan of municipal government by which all offices are abolished except those of the mayor and four council men, to whom are entrusted the management of city affairs. Partisan politics did not enter into the fight, all the candidates being on one ballot alphabetically arranged.

Mathis is a democrat and all democrats supported him. About 15,000 votes were cast. The four councilmen elected with Mathis are republicans.

The issue was chiefly whether friends of the new system of government or its opponents should have its administration during the first two years. Mathis led the opponents and Waterbury his friends.

Mathis has been a police judge of the city for four years.

Leaves Party System.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 31.—Cedar Rapids departed from the party system yesterday and held its first election under the commission plan of city government, a mayor and four commissioners taking the place of a mayor and 10 ward aldermen as formerly.

Those elected were: Mayor, John T. Carmody; councilmen, C. D. Huston, H. S. Keffer, E. A. Sherman and Matt Miles.

Council Bluffs Democratic.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 31.—The municipal ownership of water-works was the principal issue in the city election yesterday. Robert B. Wallace, republican, who advocated ownership, was defeated by Thomas Maloney, democrat, for mayor. The council will be democratic.

Republican at Clinton.

Clinton, Iowa, March 31.—All the returns of election indicate the election of H. U. Crocker, republican, over Dr. F. A. Hohenstuh, democrat, and success of most of the republican candidates. No particular issue was involved.

Democrats Get Burlington.

Burlington, Iowa, March 31.—The democrats reelected Mayor Fred L. Unterkircher and the majority of the council. The republicans get the police judge and three councilmen.

ANNA GOULD NERVOUS AFTER FAMILY CON- FAB

Former Wife of French Count Suffer-
ing from Bronchitis and Stomach
Trouble, It Is Said.

New York, March 31.—Madame Anna Gould is ill with bronchitis and stomach trouble, in the apartments of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Morse, in the Hotel St. Regis. Madame Gould was said today to be in a very nervous condition. She went to the St. Regis yesterday after a conference with her brothers and sisters at the home of Miss Helen Gould.

NOBODY SCARED BY ATTEMPTS TO HIT TRUSTS THROUGH REVISION OF THE TARIFF, DECLARES DALZELL

Washington, March 31.—A resolution was introduced in the house yesterday by Mr. Fuller of Illinois calling on the ways and means committee to report to the house a bill to repeal all duties on wood pulp and print paper, "to the end that action may be taken thereon at the present session of congress."

"This multiplicity of bills and resolutions does not scare anybody," said Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania, a member of the ways and means committee and the tariff chairman of the majority. "There is no change in the situation," he continued. "At the commencement of the last session the ways and means committee determined there should be no tariff revision at this session. Nothing has occurred to change that decision."

Proposes a Pinfisher.
Representative Sulzer of New York introduced a bill to place wood pulp and printing paper on the free list. He said he proposed to make an individual filibuster against all republican legislation until the republican leaders should declare their willingness to pass such a measure.
Describing the paper "trust" as one of the "hydra-headed monsters which have been tightening their hold upon the people," Mr. Watkins of Louisi-

MINE PEACE IS TO PREVAIL IN SOME STATES

Indiana and Kentucky Report
Agreement to Keep on
at Work.

HELD OUT TILL LAST

Others Still Negotiating With
Prospect of Final
Success.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 31.—It was agreed today by a joint conference of Indiana miners and operators that the present wages shall continue after today pending a settlement of the scale. This means there will be no suspension in this state tomorrow.

Scale Stands in Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky., March 31.—There will be no strike at present in the soft coal fields of Kentucky. The operators and miners of western Kentucky adjourned until April 7, with the present scale in effect.

Expect Agreement in Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 31.—The coal miners and operators of western Pennsylvania are in conference here today endeavoring to reach some agreement whereby the miners will continue in operation after April 1. The meeting is strictly private, but it is believed an agreement will be reached.

Not Able to Decide.

Springfield, Ill., March 31.—The session of the Illinois Coal Operators' association, lasting until nearly 1 this afternoon was fruitless of results as to whether the operators would close the mines tomorrow pending the settlement of the wage scale. Another session of the association will be held tonight when a decision will be reached.

Decide to Suspend.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 31.—At a meeting of miners and operators this afternoon it was decided all miners in the Pittsburg district would suspend operations at midnight until a wage scale agreement had been reached. About 30,000 miners are affected.

Thousands Will Quit.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—Many thousands of union coal miners will lay down their picks and shovels in Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas tonight. They will refuse to work until a contract has been signed by the operators. In addition to these, many workers in Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia and Kentucky may cease their labors.

The Illinois miners, it is reported from Springfield, were willing to continue work pending the agreement, but the operators decided to close down until April 15 by which time, it is thought, the miners and operators will have agreed. This same action probably will be taken by the Pittsburg district operators.

Wages Not at Stake.

There is no question of wage or principle at stake in the move and technically the miners will not be on strike, but will merely cease work because the operators, except in Indiana and Illinois, show no real intention of meeting and treating with them.

The contracts under which the coal workers now are bound to remain in the shafts will expire at midnight today and no provision has been made in the majority of the fields for the operation of the coal properties until a permanent contract again has been put into force.

Mitchell Ready to Leave.

John Mitchell, the retiring president of the Mine Workers of America, is here in an effort to place everything in readiness before he quits his office tomorrow, to be succeeded by Vice President Lewis. The latter will make several changes in the official force of the union.

No Agreement in Illinois.

Springfield, Ill., March 31.—The Illinois coal operators and miners, in joint conference here, yesterday failed to agree on any course to prevent a shutdown pending the signing of national contracts. The miners were willing to work under the present pacts, but the operators announced they would close down until after the signing of new contracts.

Tide in Pittsburg District.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 31.—Judicial

ON TOWER'S HEAD

Thump of the Big Stick Can Al-
ready Be Heard by Those
With Ear to Ground.

COMING BACK FROM GERMANY

Term of Service as Ambassador to Be
Terminated in a Hurry as Re-
sult of Controversy.

Washington, March 31.—The career of Charles Tower as an ambassador of the United States will terminate earlier than he had anticipated. He will be withdrawn from Berlin by the president immediately after the present tempest has blown over, and long before the month of August, which he had fixed as the time of his retirement.

His successor will be David Jayne Hill, now minister of the United States to the Netherlands, whose nomination to the Berlin post will go to the senate today.

Sternburg Seen President.

This became known last night after Baron von Sternburg, the German ambassador, left a conference at the White House called by the president to discuss the "diplomatic muddle." Secretary of State Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon were present at the meeting.

At the conclusion of the conference the following statement was given out:

"In addition to the communication already made public from the German foreign office, the German ambassador has also conveyed to the American government the assurance of the emperor that there has never been any change in his attitude toward Mr. Hill and his cordial willingness to welcome Mr. Hill to Berlin."

Official Misunderstanding Denied.

"The emperor's favorable opinion of Mr. Hill was communicated to the Washington administration last November and his attitude has never changed since."

"Apparently some remarks in a casual conversation have been distorted by gossip and exaggerated by humor so as to give a totally erroneous impression of the whole matter."

"The two governments have never shared this misunderstanding. The design of the president and the secretary of state in choosing Mr. Hill was to choose the man who of all the men in the diplomatic service was best fitted for this particular position—a position of the first order in honor and responsibility and one to which, therefore, it was deemed well to send a skilled diplomat, a student, a speaker, an authority on international law, a learned German scholar, who had served with signal ability as assistant secretary of state under John Hay, and as foreign minister in two successive posts, in the last of which he had rendered marked service in connection with The Hague Peace conference. This purpose is, and has always been, fully appreciated by the emperor personally and in Germany at large."

"Rich Man" Talk Ridiculed.

It was stated last night that the purpose of the administration has been to make it evident that the great diplomatic positions are not to be treated as positions to be held only by millionaires, but so far as possible as rewards for faithful service to the public in other positions.

Nomination Sent In.

Washington, March 31.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of David Jayne Hill to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Germany. He also named Arthur M. Beaupre of Illinois as minister to the Netherlands and Luxembourg, and Spencer F. Eddy of Illinois to be minister to Argentine republic.

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DISAPPOINTED CANDIDATE FOR THE SENATE IN MICHIGAN ATTACKS WARNER IN SENSATIONAL LETTER

Arthur Hill, Whom Governor
Denounced, Comes Back
Strong.

SEES A CONSPIRACY

Declares "Executive" Has Been
Preparing to Seize Office
Himself.

Saginaw, Mich., March 31.—Arthur Hill of this city, a wealthy lumberman, regent of the University of Michigan and one of the unsuccessful candidates for election to the United States senate a year ago, today issued a 3,000 word open letter addressed to Governor Warner sensationally attacking him for his "invasion" of Hill's "rights as a citizen," and summoning him "to the bar of public opinion to answer for the wrong you have done me."

Says He Wanted Office.

Hill charges Warner with desiring to be elected senator himself and with having entered a political conspiracy to secure his own election to the United States senate at the time he sent his famous communication to the legislature announcing he was opposed to Hill's election because of reports which had reached him of improper methods used in Hill's campaign.

"Hurled a Bomb."

"In vitriolic words Hill builds up his charge of conspiracy and says the governor 'hurled a bomb into the great council of the state to disrupt that council in order you might from ruin pave your way to place and power.'"

QUESTION NOT
TO GO ON THE
BALLOT IN COOK

Enforcement of Sunday
Closing Loses Before
Judge Carter.

Chicago, March 31.—Justice Carter of the state supreme court decided today that the appeal of the election commissioners from the recent decision by Judge Walker of the county circuit court in the Sunday saloon ballot case, acted as a writ of supersedeas and that Walker's order cannot be enforced. Walker's ruling, in effect, was to order the election commissioners to place upon the ballot at the election to be held in April the question of enforcing the state law providing for the closing of saloons on Sunday.

INVITED BUT NOT TO SPEAK

Bryan Asked to Jefferson Day Ban-
quet in New York City.

New York, March 31.—While William J. Bryan has been invited to attend the dinner of the National democratic club in honor of the birthday anniversary of Thomas Jefferson, April 13, he has not been asked to speak. The committee announces it desires to make the dinner purely one in honor of Jefferson's memory and to remove from it all semblance of politics.

SEEKING THE NOMINATION

Pattison of Freeport Seeks Demo-
cratic Honors.

Freeport, Ill., March 31.—Douglas Pattison of Freeport today formally announced himself as candidate for the democratic nomination for governor.

War on Missouri Rate Law.

St. Louis, March 31.—General solicitors of all the Missouri railroads met here yesterday and decided to renew the fight against the 2 cent rate law in Missouri. It is said that injunction proceedings to prevent the further operation of the fare law are to be renewed before Federal Judge McPherson at Kansas City.

Many Families Homeless.

Chicago, March 31.—Members of 60 families were driven into the street today by a fire which destroyed a four story brick apartment building in North Clark street. Nearly a score of women were rescued by firemen. The property loss is \$50,000.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS

Washington, March 31.—Following are in brief the proceedings of the two houses of congress yesterday as taken from the official records:

SENATE.—The passage of a large number of bills of minor importance and an extended discussion of a measure to authorize the damming of the Snake river, Washington, occupied the entire time of the senate. The session was brought to a sudden close by lack of a quorum, a motion to adjourn till today being adopted at 3:45 p. m.

HOUSE.—Charges of a serious nature against Clifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry bureau, were made in the house yesterday by Messrs. Smith of California and Mondell of Wyoming, during the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill. Mr. Smith accused him of entering into a secret understanding with the city of Los Angeles with the view of securing to the city valuable water rights in the Owens river valley as against the interests of private parties having prior claims. Mr. Mondell denounced him for, as he charged, illegally paying the expenses of forestry officials in attending conventions in the west. The bill was under discussion all day. At 5:34 p. m. the house adjourned till today.